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## PRESIDENT IS DEAD

## Succumbs to Grim Reaper

END CAME AT 2:15 THIS MORNING

## Beloved Executive Silently And Peacefully Passes Away

[By Associated Press.]  
Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14.—William McKinley, twenty-fifth president of the United States, died at 2:15 o'clock this morning from the effects of an assassin's bullet. Theodore Roosevelt, vice president of the United States, succeeds to that exalted office under the constitution and laws of the country, and with the administration of the oath of office today he began the exercise of the functions of president.

In these statements are embraced the consummation of an awful tragedy and the historic event by which the entire administration of the government is changed and a new administration comes into being. But for the moment the transfer of the government is forgotten in the great sorrow which has fallen on the nation in the passing of President McKinley. As a soldier, statesman, president, devoted husband and friend he was beloved by all who knew him.

The death of President McKinley came in the small hours of the morning under circumstances of peculiar weirdness. For hours he had lain unconsciously with all hope of his survival abandoned.

### "Nearer My God to Thee."

As early as 6 o'clock last night the doctors had pronounced him a dying man and soon thereafter the signs of approaching death began to creep upon him. The administration of the powerful stimulants was maintained until 7 o'clock, but with no effect. It was seen that the end was near at hand and those nearest and dearest to the stricken president were summoned for the offices of the last farewell.

He came out of a stupor about 7 o'clock, and while his mind was partially clear there occurred the last utterances, the last submission of the sufferer to the will of the Almighty; the last murmured expression from his dying lips and the last good byes. In this interval of consciousness Mrs. McKinley was brought into the death chamber. The president had asked to see her. She came and sat beside him, held his hand and heard from him his last words of encouragement and comfort. Then she was led away, and not again during his living hours did she see him. The president himself fully realized that his hour had come and commended his soul to his maker. He whispered feebly, "Nearer My God to Thee." The words of the hymn were always dear to his heart. Then in a faint whisper he said, "Good bye all, and bye. It is God's way; His will be done, not ours."

### The Last Farewell.

With this display of Christian fortitude, the president soon after lapsed into unconsciousness. Members of the cabinet, grief stricken, were gathered

in the large drawing room of the Milburn house. The time had come when they, too, were to look upon the president for the last time in life. They ascended the stair way, one after the other, noiselessly approaching the doorway of the chamber where the dying man lay and gazed within.

Those who came first turned back, appalled and overwhelmed and did not pass within the chamber. Secretary Wilson remained below unwilling to have impressed on his memory the picture of his chief's death. Secretary Long, who arrived on the late train, went at once to the chamber and passed directly to the bedside of the president, grasping the hand that was already clammy with approaching death. In the meantime the president had lapsed into a state of complete unconsciousness and it was only a

and it was 2:15 o'clock. Silent and motionless the circle of loving friends stood about the bedside.

"The President is Dead."  
Dr. Rixey leaned forward and placed his ear close to the breast of the expiring president. Then he straightened up and made an effort to speak. "The president is dead," he said. The president had passed away peacefully, without the convulsive struggle of death. It was as though he had fallen asleep.

As they gazed on the face of the martyred president only the sobs of the mourners broke the silence of this chamber of death. Secretary Cortelyou had been one of the first to rouse himself after the startling effect of the announcement of death. He passed from the room and down the stairway. There in the large drawing

### WHAT THE AUTOPSY SHOWED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The autopsy was completed this afternoon and Dr. Mynter announced that death was the direct result of gangrene produced by the bullet wound. The bullet which was supposed to have lodged in the muscles of the back was not found. A further search will be made.

Had the death of the president occurred at any other time than the early hours of the morning it would have boded ill to the evil genius of this fearful episode.

The angry spirit of the people had reached an intense pitch last night and foreboding danger of a possible riot the entire police force of the city

position will be closed and will remain shut until Monday. The city is crowded with exposition visitors. The holiday decorations now seem a badge of mockery. Everywhere there are signs of sorrow. Flags fly at half-mast and preparations are in progress to give public buildings a draping of black. At all the city churches tomorrow there will be services and prayers for the late president.

Abner McKinley drove to the Milburn house at 10 o'clock, accompanied by Lieut. James McKinley, Col. Brown and Mr. Meek of Canton.

Mrs. McKinley's face plainly showed the strain and grief of the night.

At 10 o'clock the Milburn house, which all through the morning had been silent and to outward appearances deserted, showed its first stir. Relatives and close friends of Pres-

## LAST RITES ARRANGED

## Elaborate State Funeral

INTERMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT CANTON

## Remains of Dead President to Lie in State in the White House

[By Associated Press.]  
Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Roosevelt took the oath of office at the Wilcox house soon after the arrival of the party there.

In taking the oath the president said:

"In this hour of deep national bereavement I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue absolutely and without variance to the policy of President McKinley for peace and prosperity and the honor of our beloved country."

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14.—President Roosevelt reached Buffalo at 1:40 this afternoon after a twenty-hour run from the hunting grounds in the Adirondacks and was driven at a gallop to the Wilcox residence where he arrived at 1:45. After consultation there with members of the cabinet who were waiting his arrival the president went to the Milburn house to pay a visit of condolence to the stricken wife before taking the oath of office.

He arrived at the Milburn house at 1:48. As the new president of the United States entered the house in which his predecessor lay he passed under two big American flags draped, that hung on either side of the doorway.

The cabinet officers followed closely and were ushered into the Milburn house within a few minutes after the president.

There was some confusion as to where the oath was to be administered but it was finally decided to administer it at the Wilcox house.

President Roosevelt came out of the Milburn house at 2:56 and drove away, accompanied only by Mr. Wilcox, while the cabinet officers remained at the house of the dead.

The tremendous crowd that crushed up the mouth of the street parted as they drove through at a rapid pace.

At 3:15 carriages drew up in front of the Milburn house where the members of the cabinet were together with Secretary Cortelyou and Mr. Milburn and the party got into the waiting vehicles. They hurried down Delaware avenue in the direction of the Wilcox house.

The cabinet at a meeting here this morning officially decided that there will be a state funeral at Washington. The programme agreed upon includes provision for a short service of prayer at the Milburn residence tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. On Monday at 7 a. m. the remains will start for Washington on a special train in which the members of the cabinet, as well as the family, will embark. Arriving there in the evening the body will be taken to the White house where it will remain over night. On

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room were still assembled members of the cabinet, officials high in the administration and in the confidence of the president. As he appeared at the threshold of the room they seemed to realize that the message of death had come. Cortelyou halted at the door, and summoning all of his effort said:

"Gentlemen, the president has passed away."

Realizing, too, the momentous nature of the event to the people of the country, Cortelyou stepped to the front doorway of the Milburn house and advancing down the walk to the

regulars and reserves was held on duty all night.

### Absolute Quiet Prevails Today.

Absolute quiet prevailed in the neighborhood of the Milburn residence through the early hours of the day. The police maintained lines of reserves which intersected the double picket lines patrolled by the Fourteenth infantrymen. Persons came to the outer police lines and gazed in silence at the room where the body of the dead president rested. Some talked in awed whispers of the cruel tragedy that had taken the nation's

newspaper men at the front gate he calmly announced:

"The president died at 2:15 o'clock." Thus closed the life of William McKinley.

All that remained was to perform those gruesome offices that follow death. There was the sending of the official notices, summoning of funeral directors; the first hasty thoughts of details of burial. Within half an hour carriages had brought those who were to take charge of the body. The autopsy which had been directed in the early forenoon rendered impossible an immediate embalming process.

The corpse was laid upon a stretcher and covered by a sheet and reburied in the chamber where death had occurred.

A uniformed guard of the United States army hospital corps was detailed for duty at the temporary bier.

### Czolgaz Now a Murderer.

The wretch Czolgaz now stands accused of murder.

The crime was committed with malice aforethought and as such was murder in the first degree, the punishment for which, under the laws of New York, is death.

ruler and among all the deepest sorrow was manifest.

In the crowd were scores of old Grand Army men who grieved over the loss of their comrade, and their bitterness at the crime seemed melted in regret.

Many of them pleaded with the police for admission to the lines, declaring it was their right and privilege to guard the body of the man who had fought in their ranks and was their comrade. The police regretfully enforced the order against them.

None who came to show their sorrow

### Brave Mrs. McKinley.

It is learned today that it was Mrs. Barber, Mrs. McKinley's sister, who broke the news of the president's death to Mrs. McKinley. Mrs. McKinley received the news with calmness and at once acquiesced in the request of the physicians and family to leave the details of the ceremonies entirely in the hands of the officials and personal friends who were assembled. All day she has remained quietly in her room, stricken to the soul but bravely bearing her sad burden.

### Mayor's Proclamation.

In view of the appalling calamity which has befallen the nation in the death of our beloved president, Hon. William McKinley, it is sincerely desired that all citizens of Guthrie and vicinity assemble for worship in the respective churches for 11 o'clock services, and that all assemble in one

place for union memorial services in the evening at the Brooks' theater, where appropriate addresses will be made.

Done by order of the mayor of the city of Guthrie, this 14th day of Sept. 1901.

J. E. Ball, Mayor.

Albert DeWitt, Clerk.

The city Pastors' association held a special meeting this morning and decided to hold a union memorial service at the opera house tomorrow night.

Everywhere Are Signs of Sorrow.

Mrs. Barber and Miss McKinley drove to the Milburn house at 9:30 and were at once escorted to